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## *President's Report to the Governing Board August 16, 2016*

### ***EOPS/UP!/CAFYES Fall Kick-Off 2016***

The EOPS Department hosted their annual Fall Kick-Off event on Thursday, August 4, for the Unlimited Potential! (UP!) Program and CAFYES former foster youth/homeless students. The event's opening included a motivational welcome from Dr. Scott Thayer, VPSS. The program included essential information regarding financial aid and EOPS/UP!/CAFYES program requirements. The Kick-Off focused on two essential areas of need for the student population -- housing and mental health. In support of these needs, four community partners were invited to participate: East County Mental Health Center, Catalyst Program, The Home Program of San Diego County and Take Wing San Diego Youth Services. Each community representative had an opportunity to interactively engage our students through the provision of available housing and free mental health services specific to their needs. At the conclusion of the Kick-Off, students were served a delicious meal and had opportunity to network with other students, community representatives, and departmental staff. The event concluded with the raffle of six beautifully decorated candy center pieces and backpacks stuffed with school supplies for each student. This Fall Kick-Off would not have been possible without support from The Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges' Innovation in Student Success grant award.



### ***Changes with Our College Deans***



Appreciation is mixed with sadness as we bid adieu to two of our college deans. **Dr. Kate Alder** has accepted the position as Vice President of Instruction at San Diego Continuing Education with the San Diego Community College District. Kate has served as the Dean of Career & Technical Education (CTE) since January 2014. She will begin her new duties in mid-August. In the interim, **Mr. Jim Custeau**, former Auto Technology instructor, will hold the line until a new Dean can be hired. Jim was instrumental in establishing the CTE department in its infancy.

**Dr. Scott Herrin**, Dean of Math, Science & Engineering, will be stepping down from his dean position to accept a faculty position teaching Public Health here at Cuyamaca College. Scott has served as Athletic Director, Dean, part-time instructor, and Interim Vice President of Instruction, and recently received his Associates degree in Health Education. His new teaching duties will begin this fall.



### ***Instructor's Work Recognized***



**Dr. Marie Ramos**, Art instructor and Department Chair, received an “Outstanding Community Spirit” certificate of recognition from Senator Joel Anderson’s office for the *Exhibition of Fine Art*. Marie was recognized for providing art demonstrations during the San Diego County Fair for those interested in the Fine Arts. Fair goers that attended her workshop were treated to hands-on book making techniques and materials, with each person creating three personalized books. For the past five years Marie has provided workshops for fair goers all the while promoting Cuyamaca College’s Fine Arts department.

### ***Cross Country Coach Trains Olympian Race Walker***

A woman from North Park will be walking rapidly through Rio at the 2016 Summer Olympics, as she competes in the 20km race walking event. Miranda Melville, who lives in North Park, moved to San Diego five years ago to train under a two-time Olympic race walker Tim Seaman, who is our college’s cross-country coach. Just four years ago, Melville was heartbroken when she barely missed the cut by two seconds for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. All her hard work has finally paid off, as she’s achieved the Olympic time standard which has secured her a spot on Team USA at the Track and Field Trials.

### ***New Associates Degree Program***

Plans are in the works to launch an associate’s degree program in Kumeyaay studies beginning this fall. Cuyamaca College will become one of the first community colleges in the state to offer a degree program focusing on the language, culture and history of a specific Native American group. The program is a step up from the current certificate in Kumeyaay studies offered, and will draw from the sciences, humanities, world languages and history departments, according to the college. Students who complete the program will be able to communicate in the Kumeyaay language at a basic level; have an understanding of the people’s heritage, history, society and traditions; and gain sensitivity and cultural competence of a unique group of people.

### ***New Certificate Program in Mechatronics***

Cuyamaca College is offering a new certificate program in mechatronics, which integrates mechanical, electrical and computer engineering in the design and creation of more functional products. The certificate will be designed for students interested in designing automated electromechanical devices and systems, and the curriculum is intended primarily for students interested in working in the field of advanced manufacturing. It also provides the foundation for further studies in electrical and mechanical engineering. Courses will include Introduction to Engineering and Design; Mechatronics: Introduction to Microcontrollers and Robotics; and Mechatronics: Prototype Design. Work experience will also be required as part of the certificate program.

### ***Library Display: Children’s Summer Reading Program***

We invite you to the library to see our featured children’s books and programs.

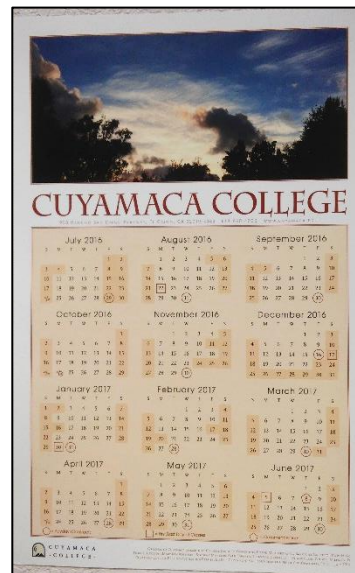
### ***Sheriff’s Department Conducts SWAT Team Training on Campus***

The Sheriff’s Department conducted their annual SWAT team training on Wednesday, July 27. The training started at Cuyamaca College’s Parking Lot 5. Sheriff’s deputies and SWAT vehicles and

equipment were dispatched to the campus for the training. We are delighted that the Sheriff's Department is using our campus for the training. We have a close relationship with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, and we want as many sheriff deputies as possible to be familiar with our campus.

### ***New Cuyamaca College Wall Calendar for 2016-2017***

The popular Cuyamaca College wall calendar was released earlier this month. The calendar, designed by Graphic Specialist **Mr. Dave Francis**, highlights all the important dates such as the first and last day of classes, district holidays, contract pay dates, and commencement.



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# Upcoming Events

A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, [www.cuyamaca.edu](http://www.cuyamaca.edu)

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## Professional Development Week

August 15-19

Professional Development Week includes many learning opportunities and is the major vehicle for faculty participation in Professional Development activities.

## Fall Convocation

Wednesday, August 17

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

## Welcome Week

August 22-26

Activities for new and returning students.

## Career Workshops

Career workshops are *free* for students, faculty, staff and community members. The time for each workshop is 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., and are held in the Career Center, A-200.

Wednesday, September 14

Career Center: Your "Go To" Student Services

Monday, September 19

Build a Better Resume

Wednesday, September 21

Exploring Majors & Careers

Monday, September 26

"Clothes" the Deal: Dress to Impress

